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1. With Messrs. Saunders, Meloon, [redacted] met with [redacted], Executive Officer of the Psychological Strategy Board, to discuss CIA service to the Board. Specifically, we discussed the PSB's request that we pick up five employees on our rolls for detail to them on a reimbursable basis. [redacted] explained that it would be a temporary arrangement and in this instance time did not permit handling in the normal way through the Department of State. 25X1A

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2. Mr. Saunders, Mr. Pforzheimer, and I met with Mr. Sprankle, Acting Chief Clerk, House Appropriations Committee, to explore informally the desirability of having the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee indicate to the Bureau of the Budget his interest in seeing CIA in one existing building. Mr. Sprankle stated that he thought, as a matter of principle, the Legislative Branch of the Government should not attempt to influence the Executive Branch in the handling of such matters, but that since in this case the move would affect funds in which the Committee was interested, both from the standpoint of the savings to be effected and the cost of the move, it would not be inappropriate for the Chairman to consider. However, he suggested that the Chairman not be requested to make such an indorsement unless and until a specific proposal was ready for presentation and the cost estimates were fairly accurately made.

3. Later on in the day Mr. Pforzheimer called to say that Mr. Sprankle had notified him that Mr. Taber desired to meet with Mr. Saunders, Mr. Pforzheimer and me tomorrow afternoon to pursue the discussion of our budget. 25X1A

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4. [redacted], who was recommended to me by [redacted] was in for an interview. He plans to contact [redacted] as soon as he returns and I will see if there is anything for him in the DD/I area. 25X1A

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that we, therefore, should draft a memorandum to the Director asking his approval on those specific points which thereafter could be incorporated into administrative plans.

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I concurred in a cable to [redacted] concerning a contract which certain individuals in that area objected to because of the substantive content therein. The administrative arrangements were actually not affected at all.

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I discussed with [redacted] the progress PAPS was making on getting administrative plans written for all of our old projects and he advised that progress was very slow. I asked him to look into this situation and come up with specific recommendations as to how we were going to lick this problem. I also asked him to write a progress report for me after which I would like to discuss the merits of submitting such a report on a regular basis.

25X1A 6. General Cabell requests that I be the devil's advocate, from an administrative point of view, at the Project Review Committee Meeting tomorrow concerning [redacted] In view of the fact that I shall probably be on the Hill seeing Mr. Taber I will ask Mr. Houston to represent me and have, in fact, asked him to draw up a list of penetrating questions which we will get to General Cabell by Noon tomorrow.

25X1A 7. Asked George Meloon to have his staff study concerning Public Law No. 53 to me first thing tomorrow morning. I am committed to furnish certain information to Mr. Dulles by Friday at which time he will probably have talked to [redacted]
25X1A [redacted] about permanent employment with the Agency.

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25X1A 9. [redacted] telephoned to say that the Inspection and Review Staff study on Proje[redacted] was being hand-carried to the Administration Building. Mr. Kirkpatrick later telephoned to say that he had it and would send it to me as soon as he was finished with it.

10. Mr. Kirkpatrick agreed to serve as the chairman of a task force to review policy statements to be incorporated into our regulations pertaining to the expenditure of confidential funds.

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